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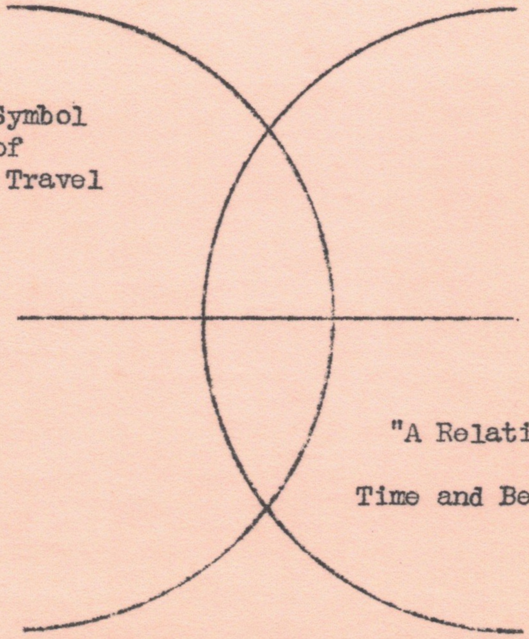

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EXCERPTS FROM FLAMMARION'S "LUMEN"

By Associate Lindy Millard

In public libraries one occasionally discovers an unusual book which is older than the average age and seemingly unnoticed among more brightly colored larger books of more recent copyright. The criteria of relative modernity and popularity rating can be a quite opaque blinder before the eyes of one's intellect. They had kept me from one certain small book on the shelf for many years, as long as I lacked the curiosity to open it. At last I took it out on my library card, and have not had any regret.

The little book was Camille Flammarion's "Lumen," translated from the French by A.A.M. and R.M. and published in English by John Wilson and Son at the University Press, Cambridge, U.S.A. and copyrighted 1897 by Dodd, Mead and Company. This book consisted of five conversations, a dialogue between Lumen (a Communicator) and Quaerens. In France the foreign edition had been sold in the quantity of 52,000 copies prior to 1897. Every BSRA member would be fortunate in finding this book, but it is doubtful that many libraries would either have it on hand or still in circulation.

The topics treated in Flammarion's "Lumen"include re-embodiments of a soul on various scattered planets of the Universe, distances between stars, flora and fauna on planets of other constellations, a soul leaving a world at speeds faster than light so as to observe that world's historic events in reverse order, the soul-like blueprints of plant life, etc.

LIFE AS A QUASI-ANTHROPOID

During the nightly communications, Lumen claimed that he had lived as a quasi-anthropoid creature (one-eared, supple-limbed, and hairless) on a planet near Gamma Virgo before he began living on this Earth, and that after dying on Earth, he lived on a planet of the star Capella. He was born, he says, on the world of Virgo in the year 45,904 which corresponds to the terrestial year 1677 A.D. In the year 45,913 which by a difference in orbital periods would correspond (he says) to the terrestrial year 1767, he had died on that remote world by accident. A 150 year life span on Earth would correspond to a life span of Virgo-world years totalling just 15 orbital periods. During Earth's year 1369 Lumen had an ante-penultimate existence (as he calls it) in the constellation Andromeda, on a planet of a system which on our star maps would be marked Delta.

On page 145 he says: "The luminous ray, or, to speak more accurately, the aspect or photograph of the world of Virgo, takes 172 earthly yearsto traverse the immense space which separates it from Capella; consequently, upon finding myself upon this last star, I was receiving at that very moment the image which left the constellation of Virgo 172 years previously. And although things have changed greatly, though generations have followed generations, though I have died there myself, and have had time to be born again and live seventy-two years on the Earth, nevertheless light had taken all this time to cross the space which separates Virgo from Capella, and was bringing afresh to meimpressions of events long passed away."

How could Lumen, seated on Capella's planet and looking up at the sky toward Gamma Virgo, possibly have been able to see an event-image which took 172 years (Earth-orbit periods) to reach him? Obviously this was not physical sight entering his eyes under many adverse conditions of physical optics such as refraction through an atmosphere, at least not what he saw concering a former lifetime near that star (or binary). (By the way, Lumen says on page 137 that the planet he had lived on belonged to the golden yellow sun which revolves with a neighboring silvery white sun once every 175 years.) But how could he have seen so perfectly this event-image? Perhaps what he says on page 15 and 16 could elucidate this. It reads:

WHAT IS "SOUL"

"The sight of the soul is so marvellous that I must not stop to-day to describe it. Suffice it to say that instead of seeing the stars in the heavens as you see them on the Earth, I could distinguish clearly the worlds revolving round each other; and strange to say, when I desired to examine more closely these worlds, and to avoid the brilliance of the central sun, it disappeared from my sight, and left me under the most favorable conditions for observing any one of them I wished. Further, when my attention was concentrated on one particular world, I could distinguish its continents and its seas, its clouds and its rivers, although they did not appear to become larger, as objects seen through a telescope do. I saw any special thing that I fisxed my sight upon, such as a town or a tract of country, with perfect clearness and distinctness."

This, then, is the ultrafine-resolution visual awareness of what Lumen call the soul. And what is "soul"? Who knows exactly? Etheric body? In the Old Testament there are two terms used in Hebrew: "nephesh" and "ruach," while in the New Testament the corresponding Greek words used are, "psuche" and "pneuma." There is much confusion on the loose since Plato and Virgil garbled the usage of the word soul. For in Hebrew, nephesh meant various temporal things such as animal psyche, blood, personality, vitic, etc. whereas the Old English word "soul" was, as a result of Plato and Virgil, confounded with the concept of immortal spirit; and so the word "soul" found its way into the English version of the book "Lumen" in contexts which could refer only to man's immortal spirit.

The pagan philosophers and poets ascribed to soul an immortal anthropomorphic body, and others later on imagined similar characteristics in thoughtforms called "astral body." Perhaps what Plato had in mind was what might be called the etheric body, an anthropomorphic "blueprint body" of miriads of subatomic monads, although the word Plato used came to be translated by English scholars as soul. The mortal part of man is the chemical portion of both the cellular body and the blood, although immortal nuclei of some sort could co-exist with both systems and perform like one of Plato's immortal soul-bodies. The perishable part is called nephesh and psuche and corresponds to what Marxist psychologists identified as the animal identity of man, as for example in Alfred Wundt's denial of the existence of man's immortal spirit.

This human spirit -- if it can be called merely "human" and not divine --

is what the Bible means by the Hebrew words "ruach" and the Greek word "pneuma," variously translated as air, breath and wind, somewhat aerodynamic aspects of etheric energy in action. In this sense, the etheric body utilizes God-energy, the sentient ether. Plato's ideas of immortal etheric bodies and the Old English translation of "psuche" (or psyche) were easily confounded together because of the strong influence of Dante and Milton, who borrowed something from Plato and Virgil as well as from their own (tel-aug) visions.

So then, we may conclude that Hebrew "nephesh"," Greek "psuche," psyche and animal personality are all very much alike in their mortality, and that which is immortal and has the remarkable faculties which Lumen referred to corresponds to Hebrew ruach, Greek pneuma, etheric body and its monadic "points of Light," the indestructible (except by God) part of man. Lumen should have used the word "spirit" (pneuma) instead of "soul." Thus in quoting Lumen again I shall insert the word SPIRIT. Here it is from pages 8 and 9:

"The SPIRIT is not the vital force; for that is limited and is transmitted by generation, has no consciousness of itself, is born, grows up, declines and dies. All these states are opposed to those of the SPIRIT, which is immaterial, unlimited, not transmissible, conscious."

Further clarification may be needed. By "transmissible" Lumen means "transferred by heredity," which can be said of nephesh but not of ruach. We could as well say that characteristics of psuche (psyche or behaviorism a la Pavlov, Freud, Wundt, Jung) can be transmissible via heredity, but not the pneuma. Moreover, immaterial obviously means "not made of physical atoms."

AND NOW SCIENTOLOGY

As to Lumen's word "unlimited," we have here the door to Infinity, the Eighth Dynamic mentioned in Scientology in connection with the highest possible (but largely unexplored) capabilities of the Thetan, Scientology's term implying the universe-independent life-static. This has no fixed scientific definition other than that is the person Himself, the postulator of his own universe, creator of time and space, in short, SPIRIT. As far as L. Ron Hubbard knows at present, a person's Thetan does create, but out of what? Does it create from NOTHING or NO-THING? By this we mean no material thing. Creation from absolute void, or from exceptionless Negation, is clearly impossible, even God does not do that. There is a primordial basic substance, the stuff of the very first Thought forms of Eternity's remote beginning (if there was a beginning). If by God we mean Infinity Personified, then all creations were from the basic space-fluid, the unwalled ocean of infinitude hinted at in the Secret Book of Dzyan. It is this ultimate spiritual substance which the Thetan depends on in order to perform any creating activity of which it is capable. It appears that Scientology's Thetan is a scientific word for "human spirit," which Lumen has mis-named soul. This has the remarkable powers of creating by postulate, "mat and demat" if so trained, and of gazing across interstellar space at remote events and life-forms.

These ideas are tremendous. It is a strange thing that a little book printed in 1897 could contain data which could throw some light on them.

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FROM 3-D TO 4-D, A DIAGRAM

Your Editor sympathizes with Lindy Millard and all other Associates faced with problem of sorting out the bewildering variety of names for the different parts of Man, as put forth by the various occult schools. I have found the Theosophical system a helpful "sorting bin" over the years. Those trained in other schools have their own treasured diagrammatic systems. Any system is confining and constricting when dealing with pure energy or spirit at the higher levels or planes, but systems and organization seem to be necessary to get work done on the lower levels, else power is dissipated.

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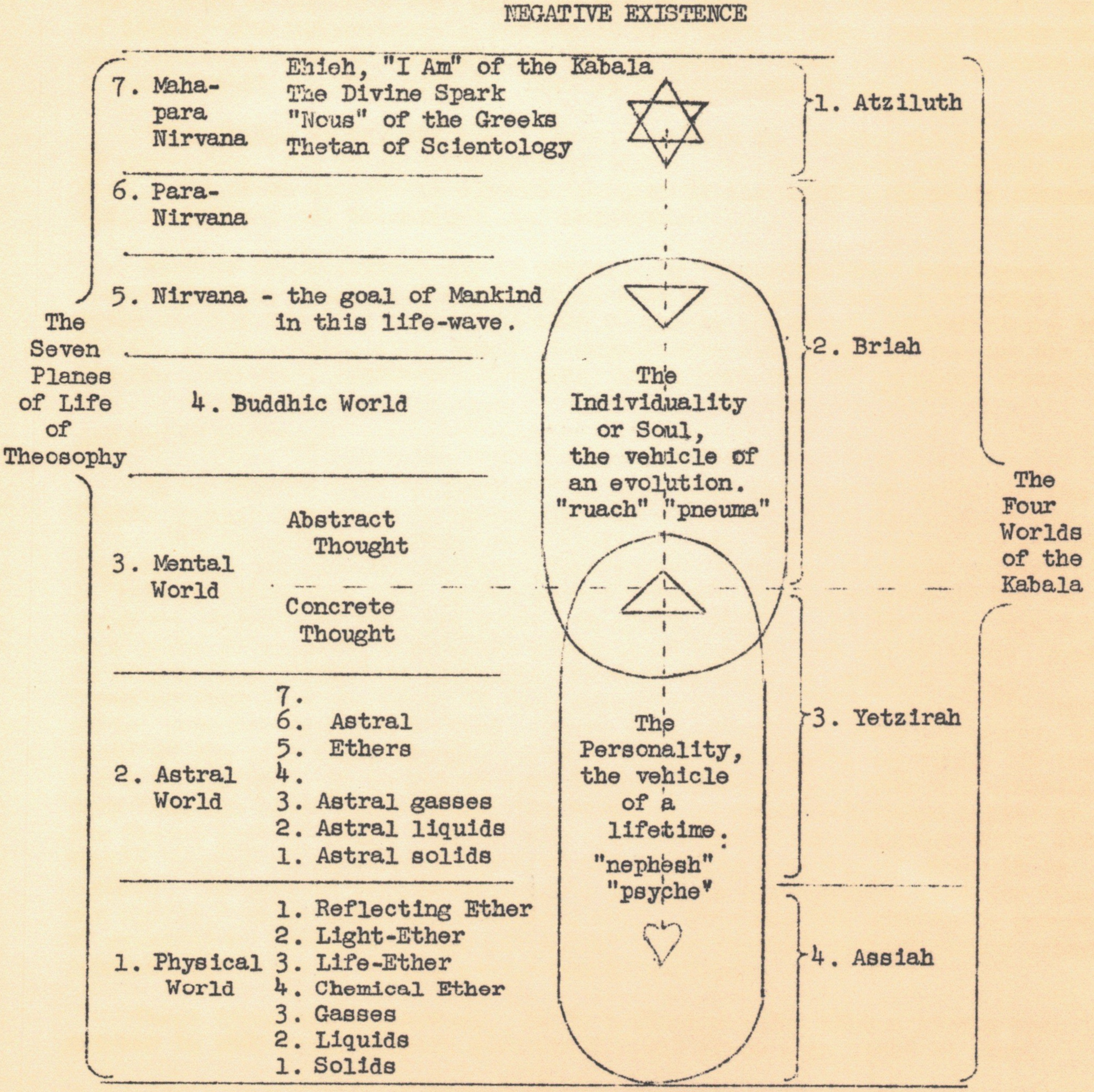

NEGATIVE EXISTENCE
7. Maha-para Nirvana
Ehieh, "I Am" of the Kabala
The Divine Spark
"Nous" of the Greeks
Thetan of Scientology
6. Para-Nirvana
5. Nirvana - the goal of Mankind in this life-wave.
The Seven Planes of Life of Theosophy
4. Buddhic World
3. Mental World
Abstract Thought
Concrete Thought
2. Astral World
7.
6. Astral
5. Ethers
4.
3. Astral gasses
2. Astral liquids
1. Astral solids
1. Physical World
1. Reflecting Ether
2. Light-Ether
3. Life-Ether
4. Chemical Ether
3. Gasses
2. Liquids
1. Solids
The Individuality or Soul, the vehicle of an evolution.
"ruach" "pneuma"
The Personality, the vehicle of a lifetime.
"nephesh" "psyche"
1. Atziluth
2. Briah
3. Yetzirah
4. Assiah
The Four Worlds of the Kabala

Devotional Mystics of the Krishnamurti school abhor systems of any kind as they endeavor to merge themselves completely in an all-embracing, Universal Love. Once that mystical union is achieved and the would-be savior returns to the physical world with his message, how is it to be effectively directed? Krishnaji himself grudgingly admitted the need for system years ago when he allowed his followers to confine his spoken messages to books.

So, I believe that diagrams such as the one offered on the preceding page are necessary and useful tools in the study of the Higher Consciousness. It can be useful as long as you dont treat it dogmatically -- as the final word on understanding the invisible worlds, or planes. Actually, of course, the planes interpenetrate one another; we only pull them apart diagrammatically for ease of understanding in the teaching process.

WHERE DOES THE ETHER BEGIN?

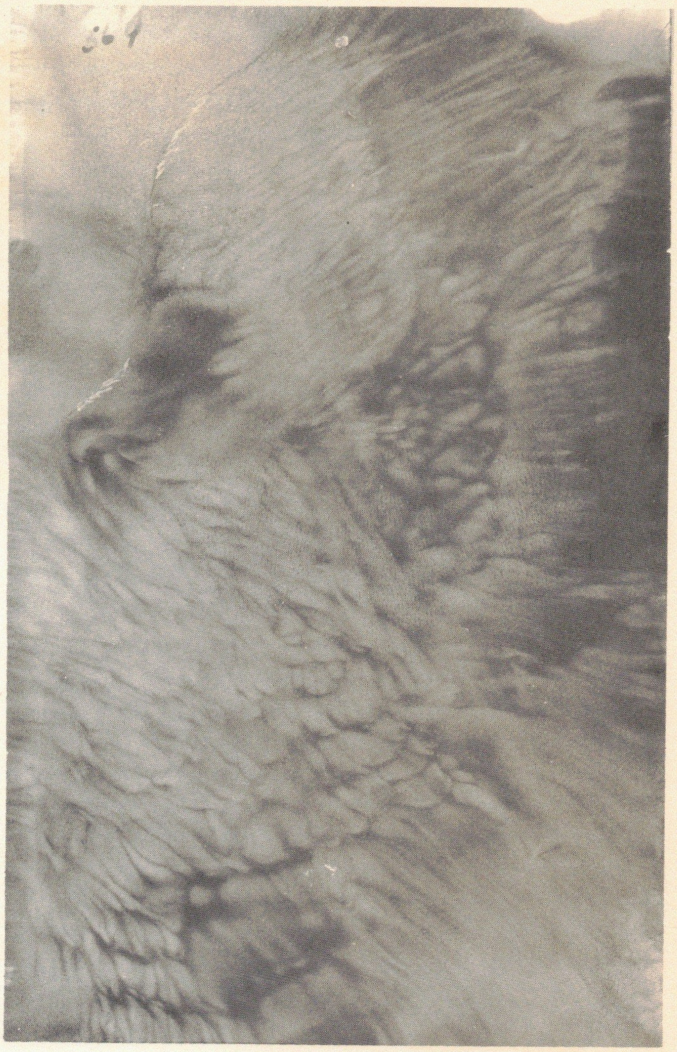
I dont know. I'd like to see the Associates agree on a definition of Ether which could be charted, and related to the information on the preceding page. It might help us to understand a space Being who says, "My Etheric body is not the same as your Astral body." I think of the Ether of space as being pure energy, formless. Yet these Beings have form that can be seen by clairvoyants. It would seem for these resons that we will have to differentiate between the Ether of space and the four ethers, sub-levels 4, 5, 6, 7 of the physical world in the chart on the preceding page. Science is beginning to work with matter in the fourth state, the chemical ether of our chart; they call it Plasma. As it gives off physical light in the invisible range it can be photographed by special film. This Plasma would be inorganic matter.

Organic matter in the fourth state we call ectoplasm. This can be seen by people with abnormal physical vision, and has been photographed many times in the seance room. Associate Trevor James has been photographing invisible things in the skies with infra-red film. Other photographers, mostly amateur, have been getting pictures of invisible Flying Saucers, much to their surprise. Two good examples were in the last Round Robin, another dandy is on the cover of "My Contact With Flying Saucers" by Dino Kraspedon. Call these Etheric structures if you will, whether organic or inorganic I do not know; but I do believe they would have to become as physically material as step number four on our chart, the chemical ether level, to register on photographic film.

PHOTOGRAPHY WITHOUT A CAMERA

Another field of experimentation and investigation for Associates wishing to prove the reality of the invisible for themselves is Skotography. Here the idea is to take a sheet of ordinary photographic printing paper, suitably wrapped to shield it from visible, physical light, and hold it between the hands in the hope or expectation that spirit friends will impress an image upon it. After a suitable wait the paper is developed and fixed in the usual way, either at home or commercially. If you have established good

THE HIGH PRIEST



THE ABORIGINAL

relations with the Invisibles and can secrete fair amounts of ectoplasm or mana for their use, your unseen friends may be able to precipitate a good image on the sensitive paper. Above, you see reproductions of two excellent Skotographs created by Rev. Horace A. Cronk, BSR Associate who lives in St. Paul Minnesota. With the aid of his Controls these were produced in a few minutes, in a dark room, back in 1946. The one on the left he titles "The High Priest," and compares it with an image of a Rabbi who appeared to a Jewish Church in 67 A.D. (Lewison's Encyclopedia). "The Aboriginal" on the right reminds me of pictures and drawings of Elementals, those units of force or consciousness on the downward arc of evolution -- involution, even as we humans are (I hope) on the upward arc.

The Reverend Cronk has accumulated a heterogeneous collection of material over many years of research and contact with the spirit world. Here is another Associate who has gone beyond mere theory into practice. We plan to have more contributions from him, the next of which will be on that controversial figure of the stage and the seance room, Harry Houdini.

A good article on "How To Make Spirit Pictures," by Harold Kinney, is in Fate Magazine for November, 1954. Look it up and try it out yourself. A good reference book on Skotographs is F.W.Warrick's "Experiments In Psychics," Dutton - 1939. The latter is probably out of print now.

CONCERNING J.G. BENNETT and SUBUD

We have been perusing our review copy of the American edition of Bennett's book, "Concerning Subud," and have ordered a few copies at $3.95 per for those Associates who cant find one elsewhere and want to read it. Frankly, I think it makes darn good reading aside from its message. For here you have the personal story of a man who stuck doggedly to Gurdjieff's system for thirty years, and then suddenly switched himself and the majority of his fellow-students to the most modern of modern teachers, Pak Subuh.

In 1955, while still a devoted Gurdjieffian, Bennett toured the Near East. He was urged to visit Sheikh Abdullah Dagestani in Damascus. Among his other accomplishments Bennett is a linguist and includes Turkish in his repertoire of spoken languages. He was delighted to discover that the old Sheikh spoke it also.

"I was expecting you," Abdullah said without preliminaries. "Last night an angel appeared to me and told me to give three messages to a stranger who would come to my house."

The first two messages were of a personal nature. They convinced Bennett of the Sheikh's saintly powers and prepared him "to take seriously anything he might say." The third message was that "someone" would come from the East.

"Abdullah startled me," Bennett writes, "by telling me that not only was I chosen by God to be an immediate helper of this 'someone' but he would come to England and even live in my house!."

"When you return to England," Abdullah said, "you should prepare a place for him. I assure you that henceforth you will be guided and protected in all of your doings."

Bennett says it would have been hard to explain why, but when he returned to England he began to prepare his place, Coombe Springs, "to receive an extraordinary visitor." And indeed on May 22, 1957 Pak Subuh, his wife, and three Indonesian helpers arrived in London. Receiving permission to go through to immigration Bennett found him seated quietly waiting for the others to come through. He was impressed by two things.

"One was the ordinariness of Subuh's appearance," writes Bennett, "and the other was the sense of complete calm and detachment which not only came from him but entered into me also as soon as I saw him."

Bennett is honest enough to admit that his enthusiasm for Subud was not shared by other leaders of Gurdjieff's groups who felt that "Subud was something new to be entered at the price of breaking away from Gurdjieff." Then he enunciate here his respect of the right of others to believe and follow whomever they choose and he mentions the "path traced by Gurdjieff and his principal exponents, P.D.Ouspensky and Maurice Nicoll," This latter claim brought me up short. P.D.Ouspensky an exponent of Gurdjieff's system? What an insult to Ouspensky, who broke off from Gurdjieff in 1918 to blaze his own trail through the metaphysical jungles. But let Ouspensky describe the break in his own words, as related by Rom Landau in "God Is My Adventure." In 1915 Ouspensky met Gurdjieff in Moscow and found "a system which contained more essential knowledge than I had yet encountered. . . During 1918, however, I had begun to feel somehow out of touch with Gurdjieff. It seemedto me as though he were changing, but whatever the cause I could no longer understand him, and it appeared to me that he had drifted away from his original idea. . ."

I think the shoe was on the other foot. Ouspensky's uncompromising drive for Divine Wisdom took him away from Gurdjieff, in three years; it took Bennett thirty! As nearly as I can tell Gurdjieff was a great natural magician, who learned his occultism from one of the most reactionary, power-greedy, religious heirarchies on earth, Tibetan Lamaism. This stronghold of black magic is now locked in a life and death struggle with another power-greedy heirarchy, Chinese Communism. For the sake of mankind I hope they kill each other off.

NOW BACK TO SUBUD

In the very next paragraph, after the Ouspensky-Gurdjieff claim, Bennett says, "In any case it is quite clear that Subud was never intended to be transmitted only to Gurdjieff's followers. Pak Subuh himself says that it is not tied to any religion or method." But then Bennett goes on to give statistical evidence of the value "of prior preparation" in other metaphysical systems.

"Eighty percent of those who came to Subud with previous training in Gurdjieff's system have persisted through the initial difficulties and still follow the latihan. Less than forty percent of those without such preparation can see the necessity for passing through the difficult and painful process of self-observation and the abandonment of the illusions of one's own importance and even of one's existence."

In Chapter Four "Working From Without and From Within" Bennett makes a clear distinctinn "between the two processes by which man can fulfill his destiny here on earth." Metaphysical and religious systems have their place but they urge a man to actions toward an ideal brought to him from outside. He says that Subud can only be understood if this difference is recognized. From his own experience and the experiences he observed in others, Subud works from within. "Working from within is the action of Divine Grace operating in the depths of the human soul."

Any school or teaching, whether it is generalized like the Ten Commandments or a standardized system of self-discipline "is the same for all those who wish to follow it. But human beings are not standardized. . . The world is full of psychic misfits who have attempted to adapt themselves to some standard code of discipline whether moral or practical." And he attributes the general inadequacies of religion to the very rigidity of religious discipline. The tru school or teacher, to him, is the one whose "methods are adapted to the needs of the individual. . . Such teachers have always been rare, and they can hope to give the necessary detailed and intimate guidance only to a chosen few disciples." Bennett wisely recogniaes that metaphysical schools and teachers are needed, also that austerities practiced over a long period of time are necessary to cleanse and balance the lower self; however, modern conditions make this work difficult if not impossible; and only a few are so gifted as to successfully apply the system.

Bennett's familiarity with and enthusiasm for Gurdjieff's system lead him to rate it higher than any other in the West. Needless to say these extravagant claims aroused considerable protest from the readers of the first edition of his book. In the preface to the second, American edition he assures those interested in Subud that "There is no need to look for a causal or historical link between Subud and Gurdjieff's System, the Tibetan Teachings, or any of the other movements that have prepared the coming of the new epoch."

Subud can and does stand by itself. That's the way Pak Subuh received the contact in Indonesia between his twenty-fourth and twenty-seventh years. It was during this time that he went through what is now called the four stages of purification. Eventually he was given to understand that he could pass on the "contact" and also help others experience the transformation. Bennett says that "herein lies the the crucial and extraordinary quality of Subud that distinguishes it from any other kind of spiritual work of which I have heard and read -- namely, that it can be transmitted integrally and without diminution from one human being to another."

Well, your editor has "heard and read" that this is a characteristic common to most, if not all, Mystery School teachings, the Kabala for instance. Traditionally, esoteric teachings are only passed by personal contact. This is why Max Freedom Long had such a difficult time cracking the secret of Hawaiian magic, Huna, which literally means "The Secret."

Pak Subuh followed this tradition in writing the lengthy poem, "Susila, Budhi, Dharma," which tells of "the array of forces that act upon man during his life on earth. . . and how these forces are gradually purified and harmonized when thought is put aside and the inner consciousness of man is awakened. True to the principle that one should not attempt to put into words that which is beyond the mind, Pak Subuh stops the exposition at the point where the human consciousness begins to become aware of the Divine Mysteries."

THE OPENERS IN THE LATIHAN

Just as Pak Subuh was "opened," he in turn opened others, who likewise could pass on the contact. Bennett was among the first to be designated an opener in England, and of course he is asked continually, what does an opener do?

"We do nothing whatever to the people, or even for them," writes Bennett. "The opener enters the latihan exactly as if he were alone in the room. Indeed the sense of being alone in the presence of a great Power is the strongest and clearest element of the whole experience." Beyond that he seems to have become aware that the Power was being controlled and directed by angels in the latihan

The climax of course is that happy moment when a person becomes aware that contact has been made, "and the coating of the personality is pierced so that a new life can begin to flow." This "suprasensible light"encompasses everyone in the latihan, Bennett says, "and makes it possible to participate in the inner experience of others."

CLEANING OUT THE JUNK

Bennett speaks for all true healers in the world when he says "The burden upon those who open is heavy, for they are bound to absorb some of the passions or poisons driven out of a person the moment contact is made."

Pak Subuh is well aware of this grave responsibility and its attendant dangers so he limits the number of people an opener can contact at any given time. Bennett says one enthusiastic opener ignored the wise injunction and was ill for months afterward. He absorbed more than his system could handle. The danger of overload is lessened by having an assistant opener stand by, to help "share the burden." Subuh authorizes this. Of course in exceptional cases, exceptional help is given. Bennett gives an example from Ceylon where three hundred and twenty-six men and women were opened within three weeks by one man and one woman with the help of two Cinghalese who had themselves been opened during a visit to Coombe Springs.

Bennett says there is no "normal" latihan. "Since there are no standards there can be no comparisons; since there is no time, there can be no 'rate of progress'. Each trainee is what he is, and his inner development must follow his own laws." Thus the great differences among those who choose Subud. Some receive the contact almost at once, as in the case of our own Associate, Alice Winston, others require months and even years to become aware that the new force is working in them.

Another of Subuh's wise precautions is that men are opened by men and women by women; the latihan is invariably arranged separately. And, as the state of openness may last for an hour after, it is best to remain apart from persons of the opposite sex if possible. For Bennett characterizes this as an extremely sensitive state in which one can be easily influenced by another. Strict discipline is needed "because deep and strong forces are aroused when the soul of man is given a new life."

Trainees are surprised to discover old, chronic ailments slipping away from them, almost unnoticed. The latihan also produces an increase in physical energy and the ability to do work. In this connection Bennett refers to the tremendous new burden of hundreds of eager trainees descending on Coombe Springs and his Institute there before his small staff was ready to handle them, yet handle them they did, five nights a week! He says another most telling change is the obvious and pleasant alteration in a persnn's physical appearance. "It happens constantly that people are startled to see a friend's face looking years younger and more beautiful after the latihan."

But all doesn't necessarily go smoothly before this happens. When the life force enters the personality buried fears, jealousies, angers, delusions of grandeur, criticisms of others and similar negative emotions and thoughts boil to the surface, causing all manner of strange grunts, groans, jerks and violent movements to emanate from the trainee. This indicates that "various traits of character are being eliminated or purified." In eliminating the residual poisons of past or chronic illnesses the symptoms are sometimes aggravated by the latihan, Bennett says. I believe this is what the Christian Science healers have long called "chemicalization." To them it indicates that the leaven of Divine Spirit is working.

Bennett judges that twenty percent of trainees will experience fairly violent reactions in the latihan. These exercise together in a special 'O' group, at Coombe Springs. One sensitive, war correspondent friend of his who was opened there refused to come back a second time. He was amazed and horrified at the spectacle of dignified men giving vent to animal sounds, or evidence of mental agony, shouting, or in the grip of uncontrollable laughter. He had been asked to keep his eyes closed but couldn't.

"I saw men contorting themselves and shrieking as if they were possessed. A picture returned to me that I cannot bear to remember, of Bucharest after the German withdrawal, when I saw Rumanians pouring petrol over men and women, setting fire to them and dancing like maniacs round the burning bodies. It seemed to me that I was seeing the same evil forces at work. If that is Subud I want no part of it. I prefer the gentility of Jesus, and I believe that religion means love -- not madness!"

Bennett reminded him of the Bible stories of men and women falling writhing and screaming on the ground before the power of Jesus and went on to say that "in all men there are sub-human forces imprisoned in the whitened sepulchers of good manners, training and, perhaps most of all, fear of public opinion. . . Do you suppose that we English and Americans are at bottom different from the Rumanians or Germans? . . . Can you doubt that the present critical situation all over the world is due to the working of the hidden, sub-human forces that paralyse the true human spirit of love and charity? . . . ask yourself whether the world can be saved by gentility or whether just such an action as you have seen may not be indispensably necessary. . . violent animal forces must be purged out of us before our true human souls can gain the ascendancy."

THE SEX PROBLEM

Bennett tackles it head-on in "Concerning Subud" and makes it clear that Pak Subuh's understanding is clear, healthy and modern, and deeply spiritual as well. To avoid possible serious consequences Subuh's invariable rule is that no man shall open a woman unless she is his wife.

"I had never heard of Pak Subuh himself opening a woman," Bennett writes, "Not because of possible harm to himself, but because she might place her trust in him and not in God."

But he did observe one exception while they were spreading the word and the work in Munich, Germany. A seventy-eight year old widow, deaf and suffering intolerable head noises, came to Subuh for healing. She was not denied. Within fifteen minutes, in the presence of Bennett and other helpers, she was opened.

THE PATH OF THE ORDINARY MAN

In closing Bennett writes: "Subud does not make its appeal to the intellectuals or to those who are in search of some esoteric teaching. It could well be called the 'Path of the Ordinary Man'." This is because it requires no special preparation and no special qualities. Here also Bennett catches a glimpse of the spiritual revolution spreading across the world and around it, circling again and again, not through the leaders, but through the followers!

"The future of the world depends upon the ordinary man. He alone can change the course of history; not the great thinkers nor the powerful rulers of the world. These have had their day. The ordinary man is helpless so long as he remains subject to the power of mass suggestion and depends upon external supports in all that he does in life. But throughout the world the ordinary man is in revolt. His revolt is not political or social. There is little danger of revolution and indeed there is not even a great danger of war. The revolt is not directed against injustice and oppression, but against the stupidity of life. The ordinary man has asked to be shown the meaning of his existence and he has been given a television set. He knows better than his leaders that no real problems are being solved and he is not too proud to ask for help. . . The help must be simple and effective and these are two of the greatest merits of Subud. We may, therefore, expect that as Subud becomes accessible to the ordinary people of all countries it will appeal to them first."

In Germany a group of influential people asked Subuh to restrict his message to those who could "influence the masses." This he of course refused as no one who asks can be denied. "Subud must rise on the foundation of the ordinary people. . . It has an unlimited capacity for expansion and its rate of progress will be limited only by the number of people who ask for contact."

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In the above review your editor has tried to touch on some of the more controversial, personal aspects of Bennett's "Concerning Subud," deliberately avoided by Associate Alice Winston in her review published in an earlier Round Robin. I recommend it for interesting reading and food for thought. Those Associates interested in trying for contact, and unaware of a latihan in their area, should get in touch with the Subud Center, PO Box 453, Cooper Station, New York 3. We have a few copies of Bennett's book on hand here, also Rofe's "The Path of Subud" at $3.00. This is the story of Rofe's initiation into Subud and his association with Pak Subuh in the early days in Java. The third book in the Subud trinity is Pak Subuh's classical Javanese poem, "Susila, Budhi, Dharma." A third of the book is in English; the price is $4.00.

As a sort of postscript to Bennett's harsh judgement of our spiritually bankrupt leadership today I'd like to remind you of some remarks by the Yada di Shi'ite, at a Mark Probert seance in January, 1953: "There is not one on earth today who has the power of authority now to stop man from destroying himself, were he so inclined. The powers of evil are let loose on the earth through the wanton greed of the whole human race. . . These are the last days of your great civilization. But even as they are the last days they can be the first. But new timber must be used to erect this re-birth. . . "

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EXCERPTS FROM ANTIQUITY UNVEILED

(Continued from RR XV - 4)

"Antiquity Unveiled," published about 1873, originally contained a series of over 150 messages from well known personages of the past, attesting to the fact that Apollonius of Tyana was the Jesus of the Christian scriptures. The book contains revelations proving when and where Christianity originated. Jonathan M. Roberts, eminent lawyer and scholar, recorded the messages as they fell from the lips of a sensitive. This series of condensed excerpts are taken from the abridged edition, published in 1894 and long out of print. - Alice Winston, BSRA.

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COMMUNICATION FROM EUTHALIUS, A GREEK THEOLOGIAN

Good evening, sir: My name was Euthalius of Alexandria. I lived in the fifth century and was a commentator on the Pauline Epistles. Those epistles were brought from India by A pollonius, and obtained by him through King Phraotes of Taxilia. The Gospel, according to Mathew, is not original but of Armenian origin. The Gospel, according to St. Mark, was left by Apollonius with the Thessalonians, according to the text of the Epistle to them.

The Gospel, according to St. John, was written by Apollonius of Tyana toward the latter part of his life, when he was an old man, on the Island of Patmos, where he retired to end his days in isolation from the human race. That Gospel was a blending with what the inspired seer hope for, and the knowledge which he feared to impart in such terms as uneducated mortals could understand.

The Acts of the Apostles relate the doings of Apollonius and his disciples and this was fully understood by the Gnostics and Neo-Platonists up to the time of Eusebius of Caesarea. Ammonius Saccas, Plotinus and their followers were Gymnosophists, Gnostics and Neo-Platonists combined. They had no idea nor intention of promulgating anything but what they regarded as Truth. Truer or better men than were Ammonius and Plotinus never lived. This was made plain to me by the study of their writings. Apollonius, Ammonius and Plotinus were the purest and best of men and their only desire was to elevate the human race. Their teachings had relation to the Brahmanical and Buddhistic canonical narratives concerning the Indian Saviour, Krishna.

I now see an ethereal spirit of light, which appears behind and over you, who says he is Krishna, of whom the story of his divine origin, persecution by the tyrant Kansa, and miraculous performances were exaggerated - and that his sole work was that of a loyal reformer and his only object was to make the people of his country happy. For these services he was worshipped and regarded as an incarnation of Brahma, or the Spirit of the Universe.

He shows me the figure 3, repeated four times, by which I understand him to imply that he was born 3333 B.C. in India, at the foot of a mountain near Mathura on the Junna. (We had remarked we had supposed Krishna to be a myth.) He was a man and the original of all the world's modern Saviours.

The canonical Epistles, as far as I know anything about them, were all derived from the writings of Apollonius, who, to conceal that fact, has been called Paul, or Paulus. The names, James, Peter, John and Jude were attached to the other Epistles, sent to communities tooinsignificant to be mentionod. All these teachings were appropriated, successfully or unsuccessfully, by Eusebius of Caesarea, to make good his theological Christian scheme. But he, failing in his purpose to some extent, and I, seeing that it was a grand opportunity for me to gain renown, acknowledged their authority and set about establishing what Eusebius had failed to prove regarding them from his standpoint. I put these Indian writings of Apollonius into my own shape and eliminated from them every mention of Apollonius or Krishna and substituted Paul and the Christ idea. This work of Eusebius and and myself became better assured in proportion as the original writings and the traces of them were destroyed. What I have told you is the truth.

End of Communication.

COMMUNICATION FROM POTAMAN, THE GREAT ALEXANDRIAN REFORMER

Sir: There never has been a religious idea promulgated on earth in latter times that has nothad its counterpart in more ancient religious systems. The principle quarrels of the Christian church have been over the doctrines of the Trinity, or the effort to make three out of one. This has been the occasion of a vast amount of bloodshed.

In my day I tried to reconcile these credal ideas of all religious systems and to amalgamate them together, but the same difficulties met my efforts that meet yours today. Ecclesiastics have but one means to keep their hold upon the people, and that is the encouragement of ignorance and bigotry. Wrest these from them and their power is gone.

For trying to regenerate old ideas, for trying to make a better system or a more systematic religion, I was met by curses and I ended my life in exile. I was banished because I was trying to purify the then existing religious systems, But you have a better day to work in, because you have the aid of the greatest art of modern times, namely the art of printing, and you can scatter truth all over the land. Keep on with your work and, although you may be persecuted, there is one thing they cannot do - they cannot banish you nor take your life at this day.

All the good you moderns enjoy has been the work of men who were infidels to the prevailing creeds and beliefs of their time. In conclusion I want to say a few words on the absolute proof of spirit existence. We dare not, as spirits, give the masses of the present day proofs of spirit life for should we do so, they would not perform their mission here. Once in the possession of absolute proof of the after-life, you would find this people a nation of suicides. First they must understand the true duties of mortal existence before they can safely receive the absolute proofs of spirit existence. I am Potamon.

End of Communication

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CONCERNING "ASTARON" AND THE CIRCLE OF THREE

By CLAUDAS

"Space messages are literally pouring to all parts of the earth like rain from heaven! How any New Age student can disregard this phenomenon or fail to study, evaluate and compare these messages is beyond comprehension. Surely they represent one of the most interesting and challenging aspects of the Space Age."

Thus wrote Bryant Reeve on April 19th of this year in his foreward to a 57-page book of messages received by Peggy "Claudas" Le Grand. Mr. Reeve is co-author of the book "Flying Saucer Pilgrimage."

About Peggy's book, "Astaron," Reeve goes on to say, "Here we find a noteworthy departure from the usual tenor of space messages. Here is something, the very uniqueness of which invites special attention. . . First, it presents certain definite programs which originate in outer space and are initiated and sparked by the space beings themselves. . . Second, these programs relate to three planets: Earth, Venus and Mars. In fact the space authors refer to their organization as THE CIRCLE OF THREE, and are working to gather together dedicated groups and individuals on all three worlds who will be in rapport and who will work together for the safety, wellbeing and progress of those worlds and for the brotherhood of their populations. Third, there is a definite program aimed at developing a new method of education for Earth's children; a New Age method which will recognize and develop the extra senses and the spiritual nature so often suppressed by our present system."

Though Reeve doesn't say so, your editor suspects that he and Mrs. Reeve members of the group close to Mrs. Le Grand when information on the project began to come through early in 1958. Those who have read the Reeves' book know this couple has the broad background, the critical receptivity necessary for a balanced evaluation of such messages. The foreward by Bryant Reeve, to the book "Astaron," should be endorsement enough to encourage reading by those "earnest New Age souls around the world who long for closer association with Space Beings, and for opportunities to participate in space messages and activities. . . "

A WORD FROM THE AUTHOR

About herself Peggy says, "My lifelong association with the educational world and with various forms of communication has been an important factor in furthering my work with the space people. I also feel that my study of metaphysics and occultism has helped generally. For over thirty years I have studied these teachings as presented by the best-known schools and Orders interpreting the Ageless Wisdom. . . I am convinced that those familiar with metaphysical and occult precepts are in a better position to receive and interpret space messages than those who are not. Moreover, these teachings afford a very necessary protection for contactees, and help them maintain an equally necessary balance. Perhaps the most important thing of all is the fact that the Ageless Wisdom emphasizes Love, Brotherhood and Good Will toward all life. The fostering of these attributes should be the impelling motive for receiving and giving out to humanity the wise connsel of our Space Brothers.

Aside from this statement of faith the rest of her introduction to the book contains many interesting details of her personal life, development of her psychic faculties, and growing awareness of the guidance of invisible but close friends from this and previous lives, on this and other planets!

ASTARON

One of the closest of Mrs. Le Grand's guides or controls is an individual who identifies himself as Alsirian, "a teacher and philosopher who had once had an important incarnation in Arabia and another in Nepal. Months later he revealed himself to me as being presently a Martian."

Through her hand, on Feb. 2, 1958, he wrote: "We need your cooperation, all you on earth. We need it here and in thousands of other places. How true it is that only your open and acknowledged cooperation can preserve your world much longer. My child, you work with the Brothers of the Eleventh Hour -- for so we are in truth. Here, all of us say 'we' when we speak of the United States, for all have lived there and love it, or have been near it in some way. We are all devoted to the welfare and safety of the country, that better than any other, can guide all the world to its highest destiny, and when I say this I mean that the United States can do this in the future when it too has learne the meaning of Brotherhood, Faith, Vision and Love."

Later in February he wrote: "We are able to work in all worlds and dimensions, my child, after we attain Mastership, and I have. Again I say: we are not Masters as are the Ones called by that name in your Hierarchy of Great Ones, but we are masters of certain wisdom, and so are given that title. . . We do not travel in what you of Earth call 'saucers.' We are working only in Etheric bodies now, and have no need of material means of travel. . ."

Alsirian told her of an important "Communication Project," one designed to put Earth in touch with all planes of consciousness and all planets. Earlier, on Dec. 4, 1957, another of her controls, Mystirion, put her in tune with Samuel F.B.Morse, the inventor of the telegraph. He told her that he was working on a Communication Center that would be "like the Observatory at Mt. Wilson," and that he was working with Venusian and famous Earth scientists now in the Spirit, to perfect the thing. He told Peggy that they were on the same wavelength, making it easy for him to contact her, and that he hoped through her to get in touch with some electronic engineers on the earth plane. She says some are now in her group.

On March 7th Alsirian wrote: "I will tell you what happened to your Explorer II, the Army's second satellite. It is not on your earth, nor on the sea's floor and it has not been destroyed. When it is time it will be returned in the condition it is supposed to be in, and found in that condition. . . Most of your launchings that fail, do so because those who launch them are not the ones who should do so. . . And more than one of your missiles will reach other than Earth hands, and other locations than those at which they are aimed."

When her Teacher, Astaron, made (first) physical-conscious contact with her on April 1, 1958 he had more disturbing information about plans being made by the men of Mars: "Mars plans to set up a manned space ship and send it on a mission to other worlds and ask that Earth be kept out of space. She is a leader among worlds in your system, stronger and more anxious to rule than Venus and Mercury. . . None of the Mars people want men from Earth on their planet, and they will try to stop his arrival with their weapons. Earth has no defense against such weapons."

"Where will they stop us?" Peggy asked.

"When you draw near Mars or any other planet. Maybe you will be allowed on the moon but you will find nothing there. The Mars space shells will leave before man gets on the moon with his ships. . . It is very likely that you will try Venus next. We do not dislike Earth as Mars and other wolds do, but we fear her ways. . . Earth can be shown what she must do to enter space. She must answer many demands and show what she can do as a peaceful world and then all will welcome her, but if she tries to come as she is now, war-minded and cruel and always seeking to destroy, she will be considered an enemy and turned back or destroyed. . ."

"Do the space shells base on the moon now?"

"Yes. Mars' space shells have a base on the moon and others base there at times, but it is the *Mars* Stronghold there, and owned by her."

"What if an earth rocket hits the moon?"

"They will not let it do any damage, those on the moon, and none will be done to them personally, for as often as the Earth tries it she will fail or not be able to find her missile. The Martians may return a missile and send a message with it, even a Martian! It will all depend. But Earth's rockets will damage Earth! It is not well to aim them at the moon."

"If we get a manned satellite to the moon will the Martians welcome the human and not harm him?"

"I am sure they will let him speak to them and send him home all right, but with warnings to Earth. And when they do that, Earth may try to force them off the moon or injure them. It is this that we want to prevent, and a few from Earth can so easily persuade them to be friendly if we help."

"Are any of you staying on Earth at this time?"

"Why, no more than have always stayed. . . We have men of Mars, Mercury, and Venus and one or two other worlds at times, in every important working on missiles and satellites and weapons, and scientific things that could be used in space travel or war."

So there you have a fair sample of the communications that went on between these two day after day through the rest of 1958 and on up to the present time. One of the most important things Astaron and his associates had to do was to urge Peggy to speak up boldly about the messages and attract to her a group of

New-Age-minded people capable of working with them. This capability required many things: Faith in themselves and their own Divinity, belief in the existence of Astaron and his associates, belief in the existence of the Mars Stronghold on the moon, acceptance of the idea that Astral travel to the moon and back is possible, and realization of the need for a concerted plea at the Stronghold, by earthlings, for earth's cause. According to her story a handful of people did become interested in the daring idea and a successful trip to the Mars Stronghold was made on the night of July 16, 1958. Peggy has only the word of her communicators to back her up as not one of the group remembered the journey.

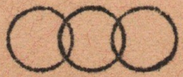
Between the time of the beginning of the messages from Astaron in April, and the trip to the Mars Stronghold in July, which closes her book, much information, guidance and counsel was received. For a student of metaphysics this makes fascinating reading, to compare knowledge gained from his own studies with that received from Peggy's space friends.

"We have formulas (plans) Earth has never yet seen, and will give them to a group after we have reasonable proof of their integrity and their desire to serve all men everywhere with this Center. Not one selfish or self-seeking, warlike, or unfriendly worker may have a part in our project," Astaron wrote.

As her Teacher he also gave her suggestions on diet,on opening certain centers in her body for development and communication. "I can rebuild your energy each day," he said, "if you will ask and receive my help, only you must do it daily. . . There will be no danger as I energize these centers. I am always careful and give as the body can receive, and with Love and Light. When you go outside, see with my eyes, and dream of what lies ahead, of wonderful work for all men."

Here is another enlightening comment from Astaron, "Some of the groups getting outer space communication are closed circles. We want fresh, new enthusiasm, following a first knowledge of us and our work, so some of your group should come from uninformed people. . . We are not interested in an underground, for one has long existed! If it doesn't soon emerge when can we make ourselves known to earth's people? . . . . Our goal now is a chain three times around the world, of intelligent and dedicated servers of God and man, who are aware of the truth concerning life on other worlds and its state of being, and of the friendship which most worlds feel for Earth, and the desire of these worlds to help her. Once such a group is formed we can unveil ourselves completely.

"You group will cross others, and that will be well. More groups must merge. All, in time. A Federation of Earth will join with a federation of other worlds to form The Brotherhood of Light. Not the same as the White Brotherhood. This will be a human group, not one of Masters. One of men and women who are well on the Path to Mastership in most cases, and in all cases men and women of Good Will, New World Servers. Now you see where our Plan merges with that of the Hierarchy which guides you of Earth who are on the Path. Lightning will not be more siwft than the forming of this three-fold Circle of Astaron's helpers: THE CIRCLE OF THREE! Three circles interlocked will be the insignia of the group."



Bryant Reeve says that the Astaron messages are unique because they present a program designed to coordinate the efforts of men and women of Good Will everywhere on the planet, and beyond that, to tie together in bonds of Brotherhood the three planets, Earth, Mars and Venus. In reading the book your editor agrees. Beyond that this appears to be the first "breakthrough" in the Saucer phenomenon since the Ken Arnold sightings in 1947. This is something that eager researchers have been looking for in twelve long years of search, but it is only for those who have grasped the 4-D, Etheric origin of the Saucers as put forth by Meade Layne and BSRA since 1946. Members of the hard-headed school are still on the outside looking in, still gathering data and statistics, still running head on into the cosmic barrier -- and turning away in exasperation, some to quit. I wouldn't be surprised but that this is why Len Stringfield stopped publishing his excellent C.R.I.F.O. Orbit several years ago. Tom Comella described the dilemma sadly and clearly in Moseley's "Saucer News" for Feb-March, 1959.

If the idea of interplanetary and world-wide cooperation appeals to you, get a copy of "Astaron" by all means and read it. We have a few here at Headquarters at $2.50 each. Peggy Le Grand's address, if you wish to order from her or write to her, is Rte 2, c/o Sandridge, Charlottesville, Virginia

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MY CONTACT WITH FLYING SAUCERS by Dino Kraspedon, Citadel Press, 1959, $3.75

In the first chapter of his book Kraspedon writes that he was visited by the Captain ofba Flying Saucer at his home in Sao Paulo, Brazil. "At that time I was an atheist in the widest sense of the word, I hated long Biblical dissertations and, in fact, had an aversion to anything that smacked of religion."

So it would appear that Kraspedon had a real cosmic barrier to cross. For he says that prior to this fireside visit by the Saucer Captain he had never believed that flying saucers were from anywhere else but the earth. Judging from his book Kraspedon seems to be a learned man, one who had deived deeply into the problems of life, the answers offered by science and religion, and who had become profoundly sceptical of the body of knowledge available to modern man. Kraspedon thought that the Saucer phenomenon was created by certain humans to "exploit humanity" and to carry on "some nefarious activity or other."

Yet this Saucer Captain was real. Kraspedon had boarded his craft in the Angatuba mountains of Brazil in November, 1952. He and his friend had spent an hour in the craft, on the ground, looking over its equipment and discussing it with the crew. So, when the Captain appeared in Kraspedon's home for a talk, the atheist's first question was about matter and energy, which existed first?

"Your question was badly formulated," the Captain replied. "You should first investigate the origin of matter and energy, as both are experessions of something else which you see and feel, but are not aware of."

"Are you referring to the Ether?" asked Kraspedon. (Cont. on Page 25)

UNDERGROUND EXPLORATION IN BRAZIL

By Raymond Bernard, A.B., M.A., Ph.D.

July 6, 1959

Dear Dr. Layne:

For twenty-six years, two-and-a-half times as long as Ulysses, I have searched for the terrestrial gods I have felt within me must still exist -- the Atlanteans, the Lemurians, and the Hyperboreans before them. I have felt that they have not completely abandoned humanity and dwell somewhere in seclusion. I thought I was looking for a terrestrial paradise where I could gather vegetarians and finer people and start a Utopia on earth, but the coming of the Atomic age and the increase in radioactive fallout discouraged me.

As fallout increased my enthusiasm about a terrestrial paradise in this poisoned world diminished and my attention was more and more directed to the mysterious tunnels that exist all over this part of South America. At the coast of Brazil they go under the ocean in the direction of Atlantis and connect this southern coast, from Rio de Janeiro down to Porto Allegre, with Matto Grosso and continue on to the Andes. Who built these tunnels and why were they built?

Colonel Fawcett searched the high Matto Grosso plateau for lost Atlantean cities. But he did not consider the possibility of Atlantean nuclear warfare which poisoned the earth's atmosphere, and that they constructed cities not on top of the earth but under it, connnected by tunnels, and with an air filtering and purifying system. The Atlantean cities which he sought on top of the earth in Matto Grosso were inside it. It is claimed by Professor Henrique de Souza, archaeologist and head of the Theosophical Society of Brazil that Fawcett entered a tunnel leading to an inhabited subterranean city where he is captive and still alive. For some time I have continued Fawcett's search for the lost cities of Atlantis.

About two months ago a party of explorers I sent out entered a tunnel in this same area. It was completely lined with stone blocks. It was quite dirty and gave evidence of not having been used for a long, long time. After a day's hike they slept and got up to hike again. Now the tunnel was perfectly clean, giving them the impression there were inhabitants beyond! They walked a second day and slept. The third day of walking brought them to the sound of voices, speaking loud. This frightened them and they returned.

Some distance back a branch tunnel attracted their attention. (Apparently the group had returned to the surface. Ed.) Inside this they saw a little man who looked much like the traditional dwarf, with a long white beard. He didn't see them but again the group got frightened and returned to the surface and home. After telling me this I encouraged them to return and enter this tunnel. They did. Again it was a long, long walk but after two-and-a-half days they came to steps in the tunnel leading downward. At the end of the third day they came to an immense cavity with an illuminated sky. This gave off a yellow phosphorence which illuminated below a city of houses. They saw many small men, women and children, who were crying loud enough to be heard

One member of the party got frightened, so they returned. They are not anxious to return to the city of dwarfs lest they be held prisoner. I believe the dwarfs do not want surface dwellers to publicize the existence of their city. This might lead to intrusion and trouble.

My researches have shown that in addition to subterranean cities not far below the earth's surface, there exists a Subterranean World of Agharta in the center of the earth. This subterranean world, whose capital is known as Shamballa, is well known to Tibetans and the people of Mongolia.

One of my explorers, an Inca, explored a 300-foot vertical tunnel, descending by rope. At the bottom he came to a door which automatically opened. Behind it stood an eight-foot Atlantean, protected by a plastic-like substance from radioactive outside air. He spoke to the Inca through a loud speaker, saying that he came from the center of the earth by means of an "electronic vehicle. The Inca was also told that flying saucers were sent from the interior of the earth to the outer atmosphere to halt nuclear tests. Charts prepared by underground Atlantean scientists indicate that air pollution by radioactive fallout will become so bad that the human race will not survive on earth for longer than ten years. All that can be done is save a few worthy individuals by bringing them into the tunnel opening we discovered, which is one of the four entrances to Agharta in the entire world.

Since it is my work to save a remnant of the American people, and since I will soon locate inside the transparent screen behind the secret door, (After an elevator is installed. Ed.) where I may breathe air free from radioactivity, if you wish to cooperate with me and act as a U.S. representative and have faith that what I say is true, write me and state the extent to which you may help in this last minute effort to save a remnant of mankind from the universal destruction now in progress, to end in ten years.

Cordially, Raymond Bernard
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Some Associates will find the good Doctor's letter fascinating reading, others will probably criticize us for wasting space on a fantastic piece of propaganda crudely pulled together from the writings of Richard Shaver and Robert Dickhoff. There was far more in the letter than I have used here, but you have the "message." In the last RR I mentioned the gimmick of asking us to send our photos down to Bernard for the Atlantean's approval. When Raymond sends us a photo of the eight-foot Atlantean for our approval I might run it in Round Robin! In his most recent letter Dr. Bernard offers BSRA a tract of free land in his 1,500 acre paradise on the island of Santa Catarina, if we will move down there. It'll never happen.

There is truth in the Shaver Mystery, but for the uninitiated to try to prove it is a dangerous thing. Usually reliable sources such as the Inner Circle of Mark Probert have verified some aspects of the Mystery, with statements which tend to discourage curiosity. Trevor James received the same blunt warning from his contact, Ashtar, concerning the existence of a degenerate, astral race at the core of the planet: "I give you this information that you may be aware of their existence. I enjoin you to forever close any researches into this activity, in the interests of your own safety."

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WORD ON THE "FLIP" FROM ARIZONA

"The earth never flipped and it ain't gonna, either! Dont you worry about the Poles tilting, better look underfoot; that San Andreas fault is to chip off and that will cause the flood Adam Barber is so concerned about. There is a Dr. Walker in Wickenburg. He has invented a solar machine which answers ALL questions, gives dates, says the tops of tall buildings in New York will be in the way of shipping lanes. Out here the waters will come within 30 miles of Prescott. All of California is to go under, he says. Better give it some thought."

Meade and I have given it some thought, Mary, but we'd prefer to drown in the cool, comfortable waters of the Pacific, rather than roast to death in the 120° summer temperatures of Prescott, Aridzona!

"Three of my customers (Miss Elsnau is an Astrologer) have quit good jobs in the East to come out here. They know the score. There must be scads of others because Phoenix is overflowing with newcomers who buy homes. (So is San Diego. Ed.) I'll do a short article on Exultation of Flowers for you . This is the new discovery for all ailments that comes from Scotland."

Mary Elsnau
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Prescott, Ariz.

We'll welcome the article on Exultation of Flowers, "concentrated solar energy," or so its maker claims. His name is Alec McInnis. There's a thumbnail description of him in Clara John's "Little Listening Post," Vol.6#2. We first heard about it from Wing Anderson. Trevor James has been experimenting with it. Mary is handling it in her area, 2 oz. for $3.00.

THAYER NO LONGER IN DOUBT

The latest issue of "Doubt" the Fortean Society Magazine lying on our desk reminds us that its redoubtable Editor, Tiffany Thayer, has vacated this 3-D realm. We heard on the radio the other night (weekend of Aug. 22) that he died of a heart attack at the age of 57.

OF UNDERGROUND CITIES, DOWSING AND SAUCERS

"In the booklet "Radiesthesia" by F.A.Archdale there is a map of Peru with underground tunnels indicated. I kept getting one going off from the coast line toward Brazil. At that time I thought, Emma, you're pushing. I'll put a map with detail of Peru over the radiesthesia map and try to get an approximation location of the tunnel and the underground cities. The lights burning without fuel were my greatest interest. . . Thank you for the Saucer pictures (in RR XV-5). The upper one, to me, is the real thing making itself clearly understood from Upper Atmosphere. The lower one is a projection from the human Desire Body, so strong it is almost tangible from the roof peak upward to the imagined Saucer, AND, it isn't in LIGHT. You ask mediums who have taken pictures of thought patterns. . . of the thought forms which have penetrated their aura. . . A friend visited in New Mexico during a recent vacation. One evening a group of Apaches camped across the creek. He waded it and talked with a man and woman about the coming change in October. The woman told him, 'You cant be a white man. You must be an Indian. Only the Indians know and believe.' She didn't divulge the October Secret which the Pentagon Protocol couldn't bring to the attention of the U.S."

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Thanks for the comment, Emma. Does anyone know the October Secret? If not, we dont have long to wait. If the October Secret isn't the living end, and if Mrs. Pool sends us her map of the location of Dr. Bernard's underground cities, we'll publish it in the next Round Robin.

GEORGE VAN TASSEL SAYS

In his "Proceedings" for June-July, 1959 that of the thousands at the Giant Rock Convention, Sunday, May 24th, none saw the Saucer photographed at noon by Deputy Sheriff Ackerman "except two boys on top of the mountain by Giant Rock, who said 'it wasn't there over 10 seconds.' It came straight down and left horizontally in a Southeasterly direction so fast they could hardly follow it." We have heard it said that George intended this year's convention to be the last. Apparently he's changed his mind for he writes, "We hope our expanding research program will not interfere withhaving another convention next year."

George reports that the building portion of his research program has taken a vigorous step forward with the donation May 4th of $40,000 toward its completion. The donor prefers to remain anonymous. The College of Universal Wisdom is to be a unique building. Van Tassel and his board of directors finally found a contractor, Pacific Roof Structures, who felt he could undertake the necessary prefabrication and the construction of the 16 arches, 38 feet in height, an outstanding feature of the main structure. Contract was signed June 15th, "erection of the arches is expected to be accomplished before the end of August."

AN ASSOCIATE SOUNDS OFF

"With Polar axis shifts, atomic war, germ war, food poisoning by sprays, fallout in milk and wheat, the AMA keeping cancer cures hidden, this is a beautiful world we live in. This will be known as the AGE OF THE SONS OF BITCHES. The black magicians are having a real holiday. Are the White Lodgges on permanent vacation? Around July 20th the Washington Post had stories about jets from Europe coming in loaded with radiation dust. The FBI were checking for radium smugglers when they found the plane a mess with their Geiger counters. The papers in Washington only were headlining the mess because these planes have been washed down after each trip, and the radiation went into the river where Washington gets its drinking water. I assume the smarties have been on deep spring water in bottles for the past few years. (Your assumption is correct, Granville, but the city water of our Nation's capitol was made unfit for human consumption several years ago with fluoridation. I understand all government buildings have bottled spring water, at least for the upper echelons. Ed.) Hope you have been well and making some of the 39¢ dollars. At the end of each month I wonder why the hell I try???? Unless we can win back our world we are a lost cause. The New Age better have leadership that tops this mess by miles or it will be a replaying of the same old tune. Now that Ike and Kruschev are about to sleep together I guess the lid will be put on the one-world garbage can and all of us will have to take it or kick our way out. With clowns taking the place of statesmen you can expect anything will happen. If the drug king (Rockefeller) and Nixon are the ticket for the next waltz I can see the end of all medical opposition and more mass illness and vast profits from drug sales, shots, etc. God must be off on Cloud Nine making new worlds and forgot to look down here recently."

Granville Rice
Narberth, Pa.

There's a lot to what you say, Bud, (including some tips on future features for RR) but I'm sure you, and we, will keep on trying.

IS HAWAIIAN VOLCANO SET TO BLOW?

Tradition has it that when Madame Pele appears, and disappears, there will soon be an eruption. Pele, the Goddess of Volcanos, sometimes comes on the 3-D scene as a radiant young woman, or an old hag, This time, according to a story front-paged on the Honolulu Star-Bulletin for Aug 15th, Pele appeared in Kaiser's Hawaiian Village Hotel grounds as a gorgeous gal, "radiant beautiful, and glowing" in a bright red muumuu.

It was on Thursday afternoon, Aug. 13th that this Hawaiian beauty showed up in the hotel's Dewey Court and asked a maid for directions to a certain room. As the maid was giving directions one of the hotel's housekeeping inspectors chanced by and offered to take the lady to the room. "The maid, watching the two leave, suddenly noticed that the inspector was walking alone Pele had disappeared!." The inspector lead the way to the room and turned to point it out to the gorgeous guest -- who wasn't there.

"I was talking to myself," she declared hauntingly to the reporter. "It was unbelievable. The woman had disappeared into thin air."

The firepit at Kilauea has been quiet since 1955, and Mauna Loa itself hasn't erupted since 1950. But so far, "Dr. Jerry P. Eaton, director of the Hawaiian Volcano Observatory, has discounted the possibility that this year's rumblings and slight quakes might be a prelude to an eruption. . . But these observations, it must be noted, are only human conjectures. Pele, with or without a muumuu, may have some ideas of her own."

Contributed by Mrs. Ruth Helfand
Honolulu, Hawaii

SUBUD WORKS FOR HER

"There has been a Subud group in Washington D.C.Since February 1959. It is growing steadily and solidly. My experience with it so far has been good. I feel better physically, am more alret mentally and feel calmer inside. I think I notice a difference in my relationship with other people, both from my side and theirs.

"You know the Subud practice is the reverse of other teachings. To enter the latihan you must drop all preconceived ideas as to God and forms of worship. You do not study, pray or mediatate, but a mysterious (in some ways) process begins whereby your teachings come to you from the God within. It comes in accordance with the laws of your being; hence each individual experience is different. You do not diet or withdraw from the world. Many changes will come to you, but they will come naturally and you will know they are right.

"It seems to be a movement which draws many to it, all over the world."

Mary Hyde
Alexandria, Virgina

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"MY CONTACT WITH FLYING SAUCERS" (Continued from page 19)

"No," replied the Captain, "I am not referring to the ether. . . I lack the basic term of reference because you reason in a differnt way. . . "

"What particular terms are you referring to? Mathematical ones?"

"No, theological ones rather than mathematical."

"What have matter and energy to do with theology?" asked Kraspedon.

"Man can only truly understand the phenomena of Nature when he understands the nature of God," was the quiet reply.

Kraspedon says he expected and demanded superior wisdom and knowledge from the space man, and got both! The Brazilian quoted Bible phrases to the Captain of the Flying Saucer, in Hebrew, and stopped in mid-sentence. The Captain finished the quotation without hesitation, in flawless Hebrew. Dino says he tried Greek and English on the Captain, and was answered clearly and intelligently in those tongues.

"There is just one thing we would like to state as a matter of conscience," Kraspedon wrote. "The difficulties we faced the Captain with concerning the Bible were fully explained by him. He gave us answers about the creation of man, the resurrection of the body, the reason for human suffering, etc., which fully confirm the truth of this book. For us his arguments were so satisfying that we became Christians. . . "

Here you have a brief introduction to a Saucer book which your editor and Meade Layne believe to be a really significant addition to the field.

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GRAVITATION

This was the subject of a talk by V. Gradecak, a young Ryan Aeronautical Co. research engineer, at a meeting of the Aircraft Electrical Society in San Diego, August 13th. It was held in the IAS building on the harbor and your editor attended. There were perhaps two hundred people in the hall, mostly men, professional and technical personnel from Ryan, Convair, Rohr and probably Navy. It was a 35mm slide presentation from start to finish so I didn't try to take notes. I didn't expect anything startling in a public lecture like this and I was right.

Nevertheless, having no technical background myself, I was interested in seeing how well I could stay with the lecturer as he talked and I was agreeably surprised. Ten years of grappling with various aspects of the Flying Saucer problem have apparently made my technical background less superficial than I had thought!

Gradechak's talk turned out to be a review of scientific papers touching on problems of gravitation. He started with the early work of astronomers and physicists in the 18th Century. He showed that real progress toward understanding gravity was being made by researchers at the turn of the Century, "Then Einstein popularized relativity and everybody went running off in that direction." Physicists have only re-focussed on gravity because of the need for a better propulsion system than that afforded by rocket motors.

Interestingly enough, Gradechak's interest in gravity dates back ten years, to his reading of a paper on the subject by a German physicist; but ten years ago Flying Saucer stories were front-paging every newspaper in America and Europe!

His general conclusion was that a hell of a lot of theorising about gravitation is being done but no one has come up with a practical demonstration to prove their theory correct! And he invited members of the audience to get in touch with him if they wanted to conduct practical research toward solving the problem.

During the question period I asked him why he hadn't mentioned the Biefield-Brown effect. "That's a practical demonstration isn't it?"

He then described to the audience how T. Townsend Brown has perfected a one-foot disc, powered with electric current of 50 watts and 150,000 volts, which rises from the earth and circles a central pole, its only contact with the ground being the cord which supplies the power.

"But I dont believe," added Gradecak, "that Brown has created a true anti-gravity field, one which completely eliminates the G-field pull of the earth on every molecule in the disc. That's why I didn't mention it."

During the coffee break afterward I asked him if it weren't possible that successful anti-gravity research in America was hidden behind our security program. No, he was quite certain that no one in this country or in Europe had made any real, demonstrable break-through on anti-gravity.

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THE RUMANIAN REJUVENATION DRUG, H-3

Associate Wing Anderson, 1044 So. Park View, Los Angeles 6, was kind enough to send us a copy of an 8-page, legal-length, mimeographed brochure describing H-3, the rejuvenation drug developed for old people by the Rumanian doctor, Anna Aslan, at a clinic in Bucharest. Main point in the brochure is that the drug H-3, "Procain," can be obtained and administered by any doctor in the United States or Canada if he wants to use it. This brochure is written by Canadian medical technicians. If you want a copy send 50¢, 3 for a dollar, to Northern Book House, 1334 Bloor West, Toronto 4, Ontario, Can.

THE SACRED MUSHROOM, AMANITA MUSCARIA

"The sacred mushroom is the key to the door to eternity." That's what it says in the poop sheet from Doubleday & Co., Garden City, NY. They've just published a book by Dr. Andrija Puharich, M.D. This covers years of research by him on the development of occult powers by eaters of the mushroom, amanita muscaria. Dr. Puharich claims to have gotten on the trail of amanita through the automatic writings of a young Dutch sculptor, Harry Stone. In trance Stone wrote of an Egyptian mushroom cult of the IVth Dynasty. The Doctor was lead to find the vagrant amanita in Maine, and to experiment with it "as a door to the immortal world." If you are interested, order direct from the publisher at $4.50 a copy.

EARLY ISSUES OF FATE WANTED

Associate E.K.C.Brown, Apartado 457, Hermosillo, Sonora, Mexico is looking for these issues: Vol. 1, Nos. 2 & 4; Vol. 2, No. 2, and July, 1949.

THEY FIRED A MISSILE INTO THE AIR

We quote from Peggy LeGrand's "Astaron": "More than one of your missiles will reach other than Earth hands, and other locations than those at which they are aimed." This from Alsirian on March 7, 1958.

Cape Canaveral, Florida, June 13, 1959 (UPI) - "The Navy fired its 10th operational-size test rocket, Polaris, yesterday. . . The rocket's first stage separated from the upper stage as scheduled. . . seconds later, however, radio contact was lost and it was uncertain what happened to the rocket."

THE CLEARING HOUSE FOR HUMAN NEEDS

Clara John, editor of "The Little Listening Post," is pushing this idea of a New Age Center offering a service for which our time makes a growing demand. It might center around a local Saucer Club, or a New Age Book Store and Beverage Bar. It could start with little more than a desk, a phone and files, and publicity on drug store, church and library bulletin boards. It should have two files, one heade I WANT TO GIVE, and other headed I WANT TO GET. There could be exchanges of skills for goods, etc. "A small fee could be expected for bringing the right people together," says Clara.

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REVIEW OF "FLYING SACUER REVIEW" FOR SEPT-OCT, 1959

This first issue since the end of the strike of British printers is filled with interesting items for Saucerians, probably because of the pile up of material during the summer. The Honorable Brinsley le Poer Trench had to be content with two, small, mimeographed editions. Perhaps this whole frustrating situation contributed to his desire to resign, with this issue. For reasons of health, apparently; he writes, "I must rest a bit, but my interest in Saucers is higher than ever." Publisher Waveney Girvan is to be the new editor of Flying Saucer Review. . .

One of the "Review's" most active researchers in the eastern United States, Douglas Mapes of New York City, has resigned from all UFO organizations of which he was a member. His resignation letter to the Honorable le Poer Trench stated: "The writer has no further interest in the subject of UFOs at all, nor shall he participate in further studies either publicly or privately. Neither can the writer consent to answer any correspondence or phone calls or personal visits regarding the UFO matter. Neither can the reason for this decision be given." The structure of that letter has a professional, official look to it, doesn't it? The Editor of the "Review" then poses the $64 Billion question, Why are some researchers silenced and others not? "What do you have to find out?" To be silenced. . . The Mapes situation appears to answer in the affirmative a written debate on pages 26 and 27. The title is: "Is There a Conspiracy?" (of silence). The negative is taken by John Lade; the affirmative is written by George Hunt Williamson. . . . . Dan Fry is also in this issue of the "Review" with one of his level-headed, sharp-eyed analysis of some aspect of the Saucer situation. This time he writes masterfully of the growth of Saucer clubs all over the world, rising above the limitations of nationality, race, color or creed. Dan sees no hope of mankind unifying itself under any present government, religion or scientific system. He looks to a Force from outer space, impersonal and beneficent, welcomed by and allied with Saucer groups all over the planet. . . Wilbert Smith, former head of the Canadian government's Saucer Sighting Station at Shirley's Bay, talks knowingly of the solution to the anti-gravity problem, on page 20, says, "We have conducted experiments. . . to alter the gravitational field of the earth. This we have done. It is a fact. The next step is to learn the rules and do the engineering necessary to convert principle into workable hardware." . . Associate C.F.Krafft has an article on "Atomic Structure in Relation To Spaceship Propulsion" . . . This is followed by one of George Adamski's London lectures. . . Another of our Associates, W. Gordon Allen is in the "Review" with a story about the 5,000 year old Peri Reis map of the Atlantic ocean, and a full page reproduction of it. If, as Allen says, Columbus had this map when he crossed the Atlantic in 1492, he knew where he was going! For it shows the Gulf of Mexico and coast of South America clearly in relation to Africa and Spain, and gives accurate coordinates for navigation. . . . Bi-monthly "Flying Saucer Review" costs $3.75 a year, its offices are at 1, Doughty St., London, W.C.1., England.

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IN MEMORIAM -- a renewal notice returned by the family of BSR Associate J. Gilbert Wright, 111 Union St., Schenectady, NY informs us of his passing a few months ago. Mr. Wright joined BSRA in 1951. He had been a co-worker with Charles Edison, and was an official of the General Electric Co.

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BOOK DONATION CLEARANCE LIST FOR OCTOBER 1st, 1959

Forty Prophetic Wonders (from Daniel and Revelation) M.Baxter	311 pg	.50	fc
The Three Lives of Naomi Henry (reincarnation) Blythe	160 pg	.75	nc
Men Who Wouldn't Stay Dead (28 true ghost stories) Clarke	275	1.00	gc
Psychical Phenomena and the War, Hereward Carrington	360	3.00	nc
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Why We Behave Like Human Beings (psychology) G.A.Dorsey	484	.75	gc
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The House of the Dead (Russian novel) F. Dostoevsky	277	.75	nc
Science & Health (positive thinking) M.B.Eddy	700	2.00	nc
Mysteries of Genesis (Bible commentary) Chas.Fillmore	390	1.00	nc
The Story of Healing, the Divine Art, Manly P. Hall	340	1.50	nc
Outwitting Our Nerves (psychology) Jackson & Salisbury	390	1.00	gc
Rosicrucian Cosmo-Conception (metaphysics) Max Heindel	500	1.00	fc
Flying Saucer Conspiracy, Maj Donald Keyhoe	314	1.50	gc
Outrageous Fortune (astrology) Myra Kingsley	232	1.00	gc
365 Morning Thoughts (inspirational meditations) Mary Light	134	1.00	gc
Survival (essays by Lodge, Doyle, etc) edited by Marchant	200	.75	gc
Tom and I (survival) Atha F. McClelland	131	.25	gc
The Eternal Quest (sequel to Tom and I) McClelland	87	.25	gc
Pathways Through To Space (philosophy) Merrell-Wolf	275	1.00	gc
The Truth About Flying Saucers, Aimee Michel	243	2.50	nc
The Book Of Mormon, by Joseph Smith	500	1.50	gc
Doctrine and Covenants (Mormon)	300	1.00	gc
Socialists Around The World, Helen and Scott Nearing	150	2.00	nc
Cancer (Escharotic Treatment) Perry Nichols, M.D.	350	1.00	gc
Power of Positive Thinking, Norman Vincent Peale	275	1.50	nc
Occult Glossary (definitions) DePurucker	180	1.00	gc
Spiritual Healing, Frank L. Riley	270	1.00	gc
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The Mental Life (psychology)	250	1.00	gc
Life Beyond Death (survey of world belief) Savage	320	1.00	fc
Behind The Flying Saucers, Frank Scully	225	1.50	gc
Unmasking Our Minds (practical psychology) Seabury	415	1.50	fc
Ghosts Vivisected, Mrs. A.M.W.Stirling	185	2.00	nc
The History of Witchcraft, Montague Summers	314	3.50	nc
The Edinburgh Lectures on Mental Science, Troward	130	1.00	gc
Voodoos and Obeahs (witchcraft) J. Williams	235	2.50	gc

nc - new condition, gc - good condition, fc - fair condition

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